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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application Of:)
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Filed Herewith)
Tobacco Smoke Filter)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment prior to examination of the above application and prior to fee calculation.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

- 1. (Currently Amended) A tobacco smoke filter, for use in a smokable device comprising a body of tobacco, eharacterized in that wherein said tobacco smoke filter comprises a metal granulate including zinc, copper, or a copper-zinc alloy.
- 2. (Original) The tobacco smoke filter as recited in claim 1, comprising a fibrous filter.
- 3. (Original) The tobacco smoke filter as recited in claim 2, wherein one end of said fibrous filter defines an inhalation end, and said metal granulate is disposed adjacent to an end of said fibrous filter opposite said inhalation end.